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Whereunto is annexed Tarquatus Vandermers *seauen yeres study* in the Arte of Magick, vpon the twelue moneths of the yeare, where many secrets are reuealed vnto the world.

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OXford and Cambridge, VVittenberge and Padua, you glorious Vniuerſities of Chriſtendome, take truce for a ſeaſon vvith your deepe inſpiring ſciences, and vouchſafe to fixe your inienious iudgements vppon this rare and vvonderfull Propheſie, calculated by the famous and excellent Doctor in Aſtrologie, Maſter Iohn Cypriano Aſtronomer vnder the Emperour of Chriſtendome, agreeable to the iudgments of Iames Marcheſelſus, and Sinnior Guiuardo, tvvo learned Clarkes in Germany, the like vvas neuer publiſhed in anie age, for the angry heauens by fearefull viſions, foredooming Commets, and ſtrange coniunction of Planets dooth prognoſticate to this ſynfull vvorld, the alteration of kingdomes, fall of Princes, ouerthrovv of comman vvealths, deſolation of countries, the ruine of Citties, Tovvnes, and Villages, earthquakes, flouds, and mighty tempeſts, vvherby the vvhole vvorld vvil be greatly anoyd:, alſo by the variable courſe of the ellements, all nations vnder the cercute of the ſunne, vvil be grieuouſly vexed vvith bloudie vvarres, famine, death, ſcarſitie, vvith many other

ſtrange and fearefull accidents, as vvell in Europe as in Affrica and Aſia, al vvhich is for our vvickedneſſe and ſynnes, vvherein the vvhole earth is drovvned as in a gulfe, paſt all recouerie, except the maieſty of God be mercifull: to auoide the manifolde miſeries that is likely to fall vpon the face of the earth: and our learned Aſtrologiſtions hath published this fearefull and vvonderfull Propheſie to mooue vs to a penitent life, that God may vvithhold his grieuous ſcorge from vs Myſtically ſet dovvne, for a Glaſſe or example to them that vnderſtand and are vviſe to looke into and for a diſdaine and reproofe to them that are foolish, as hereafter follovveth.

In the Northen borders of the earth, is ſcituated a Forreſt trianglevvile, inuironed vvith a vvall of Braſſe from vvhich forreſt shall flie a fortunate foule that shall ſvvim euen to the borders of Affrica, and there light vpon a golden Tree, from vvhence shee shall pull three branches of gold, and ſo triumphantly returne backe to the Forreſt againe: at vvhich there shall an Eagle that builds her neſt vpon a golden ſteeple ſo much repine, and ſend foorth many ſecret fiers to burne and vvaſte the ſaid Forreſt, but euery one shal be quenched and quite extinguiſhed before the blaze

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be kindled. Many Princes of the earth shall seeke by pollicy to hunt therein, but at the gates thereof shall take a great repulse : so fortunate and frutefull shall this Forrest be, and so inuincible her towers of brasse, that all the kingdomes of the earth shall admire her fortitude, and grace her with the title of that blessed Pardice, which God gaue Adam at the worlds creation. After this the Sea shall be mightier then the land, for there the corners of the world shall meete and fight a tirrible battell, wherein a mightie man shall be ouer throwne.

In the West shall lurke a bloudie Serpent in a Denne, which hath not seene the light these many yeares, but yet this bloudie Serpent shall haue many stings, which shall stretche into all the corners of Europe, & be annoyance to the whole state of Christendome : Then from the Northe shall come a Dragon, that shall breake out the Serpents teeth, and pluck foorth his stings that he shall neither bite nor sting, yet shall the Serpent keepe his Den, and receiue succour from the Eagle in the golden steeple.

In the South shall liue a Wolfe vpon the commons bloud, and quaffe downe townes into his thirstie throate but in the middest of this bloudie danquet shall he choake himselfe and die.

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Out of the Eaſt ſhall come a diſmall blacke Dogge, that like a theefe by night ſhall enter Germanie in vvhich enterpriſe he ſhall looſe one of his limbes, and ſo depart vvith ſuch an yeelping ſound, at vvhich the limmets of Affrica and Aſia ſhall quake. This Dogge ſhall aftervvard forſake his maiſter, and chooſe him a nevv name, vvhereby the Scriptures ſhall be fulfilled. This Dog doth ſignifie the Turke, vvhich ſhall forſake his Mahomet, and chooſe to him the name of Chriſtian, vvhich is a ſigne the day of doombe is at hand, vvhen all the earth is ſubiect to one God.

The Flovver de Luce and France, ſhall liue long at varience, but at length agree.

The bovvels of Spaine ſhall be ſpilt in ſunder, and deuided for vvant of gouernment, euen in thoſe dayes vvhen the golden ſteeple ſhal be conſumed vvith fire euen that ſeauen headed citie, novv more brauer then Ieruſalem ſhall be a place more deſolate then Ieruſalem. Then ſhall the cleare vvord ſpring foorth and florish through the vvorld, vvhich neuer ſhall be taken from vs again, after this a milke vvhite Doue ſhal be lifted vp to honour by tvvo golden Lions, and receaue a crovvne of gould.

But after all theſe things ſhall the end of the vvorld approch, therefore ſhall there be heauie and pittifull dayes vvith much vvarres and other alterations of the vvorld, all vvhich is likely to enſue this yeare follovving.

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Tarquatus Vandermers, ſeauen yeares ſtudie in the Arte of Magicke, vpon the twelue moneths of the yeare: wherein many ſecrets are reueald vnto the world.

IANVARIE.

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In the moneth of Ianuarie, the angrie heauens doe fore tell, vpon that land where moſt ſin and wicked-

neſſe dooth abound, shall raigne a shovver of bloud continuing for the ſpace of an houre, vvhich dooth prognoſticate the deſtruction of that vnhappie region.

FEBRVARIE.

In February, rumours of vvars shall fill the eares of all nations, euery kingdom vnder the frame of heauen shall muſter vvell approoued ſouldiers: traffick by ſea shall be denied betvvixt land & land, and euery countrey shall be forſt to liue vpon his ovvne.

MARCHE.

In Marche, the maine Seas shall bee ſo troubled vvith mighty tempeſts and vvindes, that they shall ſvvell aboue their bankes, and ouerflovve an Iſland vvhere the double croſſe hath gouernment, onely becauſe the ſinnes of the Prince is ſo hainous before the Maieſtie of God.

APRILL.

In Aprill shall happen ſuch a terrible battell on the ſea, vvhereby the vvater vvill be turned to the couler of bloud, more ſanguinlike then is the redde ſeas: God

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for his mercy turn it to the beſt, and defend our innocent and ſpotleſſe bloud of England.

MAYE.

In Maye the earth ſhall bee ouer burthend vvith bloudie vvarres, and ſome nations ſhall furniſh forth ſo many ſouldiers, vvhereby the land ſhall be ſo deſolate of men, that ſeauen vvomen ſhall bee conſtrained to follovv one man.

IVNE.

In Iune, a prouince in the Eaſterne climbes: ſhall fight in the defence of a vvrongful cauſe, at vvhich the Maieſtie of God vvill threaten vengeance, and raine dovvne fire from the throne of heauen, and ſo burne thoſe vvicked people in their tents of vvarre.

IVLIE.

In Iuly, the vveather vvill be ſo extreame hoate, vvhereby Souldiers ſhall not bee able to vveare their armour, and likevviſe multitudes ſhall die for vvant of vvater, the earth ſhall be ſo parcht vvith heate that it can yeelde no foode for Cattell.

AVGVST.

In August, such a grieuous plague and mortallitie vvill couer the face of the vvhole earth, that there shall not be sufficient left aliue to gaither in their harueſt fruites, in vvhich moneth shall come out of the East such ſvvarmes of Foules and Flyes, that vvill deuoure the corne from the ground, and vvhere they goe, leaue the earth barren: Oh times of sorrovv: oh times of vvoes, oh times of more distresse then vvas that time of famine in Ierusalem: you horders vp of Corne, repent, repent, your crueltie against the poore, for your extreame couetousnesse the vvhole earth vvill be accurst: yet God I hope vvill heare the praiers of the faithfull, and defend his nevv Ierusalem from such distresse.

SEPTEMBER.

In September the earth vvill be so vnnaturall, that all manner of Cattell vvill rotte aboue the ground, vvhereof vvill breede such store of varmin, that the earth vvill be impoysoned, and vvill receiue no fruite to encrease.

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OCTOBER.

In October, such a famine and darth of Corne vvil raigne, that in some countryes the Childe vvill sterue vvhilest it is sucking at the mothers brest, onely because the mother can get no food to nourish her selfe nor it.

NOVEMBER.

In Nouember, a triumphant conquest shall be bruted through the vvorld, of an vvorthie conquerour that takes a truce vvith all the earth, and sets it in a quiet staye.

DECEMBER.

In December all vvarres shall end e, religion preached truely through the vvorld, all things vnited vp in peace, treasons and rebellions neuer thought vpon: thus all things brought to passe, vvill come that happie time the blessed soules in heauen doe continually pray for.

THerefore England cast of thy cloake of sinne, thy vveedes of vvickednesse: no doubt but God for his elect and chosen sake vvill spare this happy Iland,

vvhere his Gospell is truely preached : and let this Prophesie be fullfilled vpon those misbeleeuing nations, that make a scorne of thy most blessed vvorde, and Lorde vve beseech thee bridle vp the Turke, that rageth against the happie state of Israell, confound the popish Antichrist, vvith his confederate the King of Spaine, vvith al the residue of Englands enemies, that intends the ouerthrovv of thy nevv Ierusalem, that vve may sing all holy, holy, holy, to the mightie God of Israell:

Amen.

FINIS.